(b) if so, the numbers of child labourers found in dangerous industries and institutions during 1998-99 and the number of cases filed against employers of child labourers; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country (including Madhya Pradesh) is 11.28 million. As per information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, a survey had been conducted in 1997, in 72,800 hazardous industries, in which 11,269 child labourers were identified and prosecutions were launched against 4529 offending employers.

In the year 1998-99, under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, 7,150 inspections have been carried out and prosecutions have been launched against 148 offending employers in the State.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian Labourers in Gulf Countries

1596. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Indian workers in each Gulf country;

(b) whether Government are aware of their problems;

(c) if so, what are those problems;

(d) the steps taken to remove their problems; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As per the available information approximate number of Indian workers in each of the Gulf countries are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the country	No. of workers
1.	Saudi Arabia	12,00,000
2.	UAE	9,00,000
3.	Oman	2,72,202
4.	Kuwait	2,80,000
5.	Qatar	1,20,000
6.	Bahrain	1,30,000

(b) to (e) On reaching the foreign countries, the workers, at times, face problems like their not being received by the foreign employers and getting stranded, change in the work agreement to their disadvantage, non/delayed payment of salaries, non-availability of good working and living conditions, harassment by the foreign employer etc. These problems are solved with the help of concerned Indian Missions abroad. The local Recruiting Agents who had made recruitments are also directed to get in touch with the foreign employer for getting the grievances of the workers redressed. Where the local Recruiting Agent fails to comply with the directions of the Government, action is taken for suspension/cancellation of registration certificate and/or forfeiture of his bank guarantee.

Agricultural Labour in Orissa

1597. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of agriculture labourer in Orissa particularly in the cyclone affected districts;

(b) whether Government have any proposal for the rehabilitation of these agricultural workers and also for the plantation workers;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the plan drawn up thereon; and

(d) the details of the fund earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.